THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Overhauling of the working of nationalised banks**

1642. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have taken a number of measures to overhaul the working of the nationalised banks;

(b) if so, what are the broad details thereof; and

(c) whether the Board of Directors of the nationalised banks are also reconstituted and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The working of nationalised banks is kept under constant review and steps as appropriate to improve efficiency and productivity are taken by Government/Reserve Bank of India from time to time.

(c) At present there are no non-official directors on the Boards of any of the nationalised banks. The process of identification of suitable persons for appointment as non-official directors on the Boards of nationalised banks is nearing completion.

**Export against rupee payment**

1643. SHRI KAMAL MORAKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the country's total exports during 1986-87 and 1987-88;

(b) how much of such exports was against rupee payment and how much against hard currency;

(c) what was the import content in the rupee payment exports; and

(d) how much hard currency of the country was spent for achieving rupee payment exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The country's total exports during 1986-87 and 1987-88 (provisional) were Rs. 12452 crores and Rs. 15741 crores respectively. Out of these, India's exports to the Rupee Payment countries were Rs. 2230 crores during 1986-87 and Rs. 2451 crores during 1987-88. The exports to the Free Currency Areas were Rs. 10222 crores during 1986-87 and Rs. 13290 crores during 1987-88.

(c) and (d) It is not possible to estimate the import content in the rupee payment exports as well as the amount of hard currency spent for achieving the rupee payment exports.

**Trade imbalances between India and Malaysia**

1644. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the balance of trade position between India and Malaysia;

(b) what steps Government have taken to correct the trade imbalance, if any;

(c) what is the quantity and value of edible oils imported from Malaysia during the last five years; and

(d) what is the envisaged import of edible oils from Malaysia in the next five years?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) The

balance of trade position between India and Malaysia is as follows:—

(in Rs. lakhs)

| Year | Exports to Malaysia | Imports from Malaysia | Balance of trade |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1985-86 . . . . | 7099 | 40765 | —33666 |
| 1986-87 . . . . | 10485 | 55214 | —44729 |
| 1987-88 . . . . | 8913 | 81992 | —73079 |
| 1988-90 . . . . (April-Sept.) | 5268 | 46656 | —41388 |

(b) Efforts are afoot to reduce this trade imbalance by way of exploring the possibility of export of iron ore pellets, lumpi iron ore etc. and securing of projects in Malaysia to Indian companies on a negotiated basis. An exclusive Indian trade exhibition was held in Kualalumpur in January, 1988 to project India's capabilities. An office of the Trade Development Authority has been established in Malaysia with the objective of promoting greater trade contacts.

(c) Details of quantity and value of edible oils imported by the STC from Malaysia the last five years are as under:—

(Rs. Crores)

| Financial year | Qty. (lakh MT) | CIF Value |
|---|---|---|
| 1984-85. . . | 7.10 | 582.66 |
| 1985-86. . . | 5.25 | 350.89 |
| 1986-87. . . | 8.51 | 330.46 |
| 1987-88. . . | 10.81 | 523.68 |
| 1988-89£ . . (Upto Feb., '89) | 6.37 | 410.00 |

£ –Provisional.

(d) Future imports of edible oils from Malaysia will depend on factors like domestic oil seeds crop position, demand for edible oils, its availability from Malaysia and other sources etc.

**Utilisation of resources of Ganga**

1645. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the self-cleaning capacity of Ganga which is three times higher than the other rivers in the world is decreasing due to over utilisation of its resources;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not properly utilising the resources; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to effectively utilise the resources, in a time bound manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The self-cleaning capacity of a river depends on a variety of factors like its physico-chemical, biological characteristics, influence of the sun, aquatic life and